Taking up two projects for voltage stability in Karnataka

*320. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take up two projects in Karnataka at a cost of Rs. 300 crores to improve voltage stability in Bangalore and the rest of the State;

(b) if so, whether the Power Grid had taken up the above work; and

(c) the details of the project and by when it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A scheme for System Strengthening-III of Southern Region Grid at an estimated cost of Rs. 284.78 crores has been approved in October, 2004. The scheme envisages the following scope of work:

(i) Raichur-Gooty 400 kV Double Circuit line (with Quad Conductors)

(ii) Nelamangla-Somnahally 400 kV D/c line.

(iii) Extension of Gooty, Raichur, Nelamangla and Somnahally substations.

The scheme is scheduled to be completed by April, 2007. The scheme will strengthen the existing transmission network in Southern Region and improve its stability and reliability besides contributing to improve the voltage profile in Bangalore and rest of the State of Karnataka.

The work of the above project has been taken up by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Defence Imports

2055. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three fourths of India's needs for military equipment modernisation is met through imports;

(b) whether India is still not able to make its own production, designing and development of equipment;

(c) whether Government is not providing the necessary funds for the above; and